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SUBJECT: FORMAT FOR NAC AND DPC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS

REF: (A) USNATO 4450; (B) USNATO 4466; (C) USNATO 4864 LIMDIS;
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BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING NAC MEETING OCT. 31, PERM REPS
DISCUSSED PROPOSALS TO CHANGE THE FORMATS OF NAC AND DPC
MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. MOST PERM REPS WHO SPOKE FAVORED
HYBRID APPROACH FOR NAC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS (SEE PARA. 4, REF (A)
AND SUPPORTED U.S. PROPOSALS
FOR DPC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. NAC WILL RETURN TO SUBJECT AT FUTURE,
UNSPECIFIED DATE. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON NAC MINISTERIAL
FORMAT RESTRUCTURING. END SUMMARY.

1. AT NAC MEETING OCT. 31, ACTING SYG PANSAL REFERRED TO
SYG'S PO ON RESTRUCTURING NAC MINISTERIAL (REFTEL. (A)) AND
EARLIER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF POSSIBLE CHANGES IN BOTH NAC
AND DPC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS (REFTEL. (C)). HE BELIEVED IT
WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO BRING ABOUT ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES
FOR THE NAC, BUT THOUGHT THAT CHANGES IN THE DPC MIGHT BE
POSSIBLE. HE RECALLED THE U.S. SUGGESTION THAT FORMAL DPC MINISTERIAL
STATEMENTS MIGHT BE CIRCULATED IN ADVANCE AND SOLICITED
PERM REPS VIEWS ON THIS AND OTHER PROPOSALS WHICH HAD BEEN
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FLOATED.

2. CATALANO (ITALY) CONTRASTED NAC AND DPC MEETINGS. HE
SUPPORTED MAINTAINING NAC PROCEDURES GENERALLY BUT COULD

ACCEPT ADVANCE CIRCULATION OF DPC STATEMENTS.

3. MCAULIFFE (U.S.) REPORTED HE WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NAC AND RECALLED AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGING THE FORMAT OF THE DPC (REFTEL. (C)).

4. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) SUPPORTED U.S. SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGING THE DPC. HE CONCURRED IN THE NEED FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND WAS PREPARED TO RECOMMEND ADVANCE CIRCULATION OF DPC STATEMENTS.

5. PECK (UK) ARGUED AGAINST LENGTHENING MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. COMMENT: SEE NETHERLANDS DRC REP'S SUGGESTION FOR LONGER DPC MEETING IN PARA. 11, REFTEL. (D). END COMMENT. HE SAID THAT SINCE ANGLO-SAXON MINISTERS WOULD HAVE A LANGUAGE ADVANTAGE IN INFORMAL "CUT AND THRUST" DISCUSSION, HE THOUGHT IT BEST TO DEFER TO THE VIEWS OF MEMBERS WHOSE MINISTERS MIGHT NOT BE COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE IN ONE OF THE NATO LANGUAGES.

6. KRAPF (FRG) REPORTED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES COULD ACCEPT U.S. SUGGESTIONS FOR DPC; HE THOUGHT THOSE CHANGES SHOULD ALSO APPLY TO NAC.

7. BUWALDA (NETHERLANDS) SAID BOTH HIS MINISTERS WERE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN FREE DEBATE. ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT FAVOR ADVANCE CIRCULATION OF STATEMENTS, THEY WERE PREPARED TO RESTRICT THEIR STATEMENTS TO VERY BRIEF SYRVEYS, SO LONG AS OTHER MINISTERS WOULD DO THE SAME. THEY WOULD WELCOME A PORTION OF THE MEETING BEING SET ASIDE FOR FREER DISCUSSION WITH RESTRICTED ATTENDANCE AND ASKED TO BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF TOPICS THAT WOULD BE RAISED DURING SUCH DISCUSSION. NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES DID NOT RPT NOT FAVOR LENGTHENED MEETINGS.

8. MENZIES (CANADA) SUGGESTED THAT THE SYG LIMIT THE AAMOUNT OF TIME FOR INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS AND SO NOTIFY CAPITALS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING. PANSAL THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE CONFIDENTIAL

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TO DETERMINE IN ADVANCE THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF TIME FOR HANDLING EACH DPC AGENDA ITEM.

9. DE ROSE (FRANCE) BELIEVED NAC PROCEDURES SHOULD BE GENERALLY MAINTAINED. HE AGREED THAT THE MEETING SHOULD NOT BE LENGTHENED.

10. BUSCH (NORWAY) FAVORED THE HYBRID APPROACH (PARA. 4, REF (A)) FOR BOTH NAC AND DPC. HE SUPPORTED RESTRICTED MEETINGS FOR FREER DISCUSSION.

11. SUMMING UP, PANSAL CITED PERM REPS WILLINGNESS TO SEEK

MORE EFFECTIVE DEBATE (WHILE MAINTAINING FLEXIBILITY TO ACCOMMODATE LANGUAGE DIFFERENCES) AND NOTED THAT MANY PERM REPS WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF U.S. SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGING THE FORMAT OF DPC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. HE SAID THAT THE NAC WOULD CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT AT A FUTURE DATE.

12. COMMENT: WE WILL CONTINUE CORRIDOR WORK WITH DELEGATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF ON CHANGES FOR THE DPC MINISTERIAL FORMAT. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON THE NAC MINISTERIAL FORMAT. END COMMENT.
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